

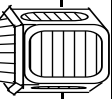
# THE SPREE



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## Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

March has roared in! The bitter cold wind on Saturday marked the "lionesque" arrival of the month. Sunday was lovely. Monday was downright balmy (notice how you can rearrange the letters and spell "lamby")! Then came today. It started out innocently enough, then came a little rain. That rain seems to be turning to sleet about now. The forecast calls for a significant layer of ice, followed by several inches of snow.

That lovely weather scenario greets today's voters. On this primary election day, history is being made. The two major candidates in the Democratic race for our country's presidency are a woman and an African American. Both have roared in and out and all around Ohio during the preceding weeks. It has been an interesting campaign season. If nothing else, more people have become more involved in the process.

March holds several other important events. For basketball fans, it signals "March Madness"—that annual display of college basketball that is always exciting and entertaining. March brings St. Patrick's Day and the celebration of all things Irish. Speaking of green, March also holds the long-awaited beginning of Spring – and while the weather may not cooperate, the calendar reminds us that winter is losing its grasp.

This year, March holds the second half of Lent, the solemn days of Holy Week and the supreme celebration of Easter. It is the time set apart for Christians to consider the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. It's not too late to join in the Lenten Supper and Study on Monday evenings or to come for mid-week reflection and renewal at Wednesday evening Vespers. These moments offer grace and hope.

As we continue our journey to the cross—our "march" towards Easter—may we be blessed by the very presence of our Lord.

Love,  
*Janet*

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### March 9, 2008

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service  
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
10:45 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service  
2:00 p.m. Children Worship & Wonder training  
**OPENER:** Dan Clark **CLOSER:** Keith Western  
**ACOLYTES:** Deanna Forbush and Skye Stephenson  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long  
**PREACHER:** The Reverend Kaye Edwards  
**TELLERS:** Cheryl McKenna and Gerald Western  
**ELDER (8:30):**

Jane Hutson

**ELDERS (10:45):**

Becky Thompson

Betty McIntyre

**DIACONATE:** Team II

**8:30 -** Teri Hayes and Bob Maxwell

**10:45 -** Peggy Haywood, John Henry, Debby Lance,  
Jack Price, Karen Schneider, Jim Stephenson, Jordan  
Stephenson, Sue Stephenson, and Jeni Sweeten

## Outreach Opportunities

### Outreach Ideas and Summer Ministry Positions

1. Looking for a really great summer job? Camp Christian is seeking ministry associates for the 2008 camping season. Applicants must currently be enrolled in college. Contact the WACC office for an application.
2. Did you know that you can serve as a mission intern this summer? Opportunities abound but you've got to apply by April 1. Contact the church office or visit the following websites for more information:

[www.discipleshomemissions.org/volunteer/specialprojects/interns.htm](http://www.discipleshomemissions.org/volunteer/specialprojects/interns.htm)

[www.ucc.org/ministries/volunteer](http://www.ucc.org/ministries/volunteer)

3. Is outreach your passion? You'll want to attend WeekEnd of Compassion, April 11-13, in Nashville, Tennessee. Discover what Disciples are doing nationally and globally, and learn ways you can help. Share outreach ideas with others and be inspired by top speakers, powerful worship and soul-stirring music. For more information, contact the church office or visit:

[www.weekofcompassion.org](http://www.weekofcompassion.org)

### Free Legal Advice

A brief legal advice and referral clinic for low-income individuals living in Lorain County will take place Tuesday, March 11, 3-5 p.m., at the Catholic Charities Family Center, 203 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Lorain. The event is sponsored by the Lorain County Office of The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and the Lorain County Bar Association.



To All of Our Fellow Christians and Friends at Our Beloved WACC,

Two little words (“Thank you!”) seem so small, but they are truly heartfelt for all your prayers, cards, calls, food, and moral support. Special thanks to Pastor Janet for all her love and support of many hours with our family and Helen. Our thanks to Brenda Keenan for her special help when Helen was transferred between hospitals, and our thanks to Joanna Circle for the extra prayers and cards.

In Christian love,

*John & Helen Farrar*

Grateful gratitude and appreciation to Pastor Janet, Rosalie Gainer and the WACC Chancel Choir for your caring prayers and correspondence regarding the death of husband and father George A. Baker, and regarding the open heart surgery and ongoing recovery of Adelle Baker.

*The George A. Baker Family*

### March 9 Lectionary Corner

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

### It's a "Plum" Mystery!

The purple drape for the cross, used for our Maundy Thursday Service, is still missing. If you remember where it was stored after last year's Holy Week, please contact the church office (440-323-4213) ASAP as we need the drape before March 20. Thank you!

### Lose Something at Church?

Found items (i.e., hats, gloves, etc.) are sometimes stored in the coatroom in the new building. However, jewelry items (i.e., earrings, tie clasps, etc.) may be claimed in the church office. Call 323-4213 if you think we might have your missing item.

### CROP Walk is April 19

This year's CROP Walk (which fights hunger locally and globally) will take place April 19 at Bur Oak Reservation. Registration starts at 9 a.m. Contact Mark Mathes or Keith Western to participate as a walker or a sponsor.



### Cleveland Christian Home Walk & Run: April 5

The April 5 CCH Walk & Run for the Kids will take place at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. This is one of the Home's major fundraisers in their fight against child abuse and neglect. Registration deadline is March 31. Forms are available on the bulletin board outside the Christian Education office. (Can't attend but want to be a sponsor? Call the church office.)

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*

### Toys for Your Tots?

After reorganizing the Church School classrooms, the Christian Education Committee is now offering some gently-worn toys. Your monetary donation (check payable to "WACC") will help us purchase new ones. Payment may be directed to the church office, Chris Baumgartner or Joy Bond. Sale items are located in the youth rooms.

## CALENDAR

- Thu., 3/6:
  - Property Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room, 4 p.m.
  - Brownie Troop 524 gathering in the youth rooms, 6 p.m.
- Fri., 3/7:
  - Joanna Circle gathering at the home of Polly Simmons, 10455 E. River Road, 7 p.m.
  - Elyria Area Church Women United observance of World Day of Prayer, Second Baptist Church, 427 Chapman Lane, 10 a.m.
- Sat., 3/8:
  - Women's Lenten Retreat overnight at Camp Christian (ends 3/8).
  - WACC hosts "Children Worship & Wonder" training, 6-9 p.m.
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- Sun., 3/9:
  - Daylight Saving Time begins (set clocks one hour ahead before retiring).
- Mon., 3/10:
  - See back page for the day's schedule.
  - Lenten Supper & Study Series in Fellowship Hall, 5:55 p.m.
- Tue., 3/11:
  - Northwood Service Unit Girl Scout Leaders' meeting in the youth rooms, 6:30 p.m.
  - Elders' supper meeting in the Elders' conference room, 5:30 p.m.
  - General Board meeting in the youth rooms, 7 p.m.
- Wed., 3/12:
  - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) meeting in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
  - Lenten Vespers Service in the sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.
- Sat., 3/15:
  - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7 p.m.
  - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 6 (Gail Haywood, captain).



## NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

### Congratulations!

Continued best wishes and blessings to Larry & Betty McIntyre, who are celebrating 56 years of marriage (3/3)!

### Free to a Good Home

One of our Washington Avenue neighbors is making available 400 square feet of Berber carpet. The color is off-white/natural; the condition is excellent. Call the church if you want it for your home.

### Prayer Focus

Please pray for those struggling with mental health problems.

### Sympathy

Our love and prayers surround...  
...Sandy & Steve Woosley and other loved ones of Sandy's sister, Jean Adams, who died last Thursday following a courageous battle with cancer. Services were held Monday in the Mount Gilead area.

...family and friends of Eileen Brandal who died last weekend. She was a participating friend in the life of our church until her move to Florida several years ago. A committal service will be held on Thursday, March 20, at 10 a.m. at Brookdale Cemetery. Pastor Janet Long will officiate.

May God's peace be known by all who mourn.

### Hospitalized

At EMH: Marion Wiles

At Life Care Elyria: Jim Borthwick

At Wesleyan Village: Doris Edwards

Anne Prentice

In rehab in Florida: Mildred Wainwright

At Home: Dick Burch (in-and-out)

John Davis

Herman Dull (in-and-out)

Marilyn Hadaway